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Katsuhiko SAITO, et al. : EXAMINER: LEO, L.
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FOR: HEAT EXCHANGER :

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated October 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A two-block heat exchanger comprising a plurality of refrigerant distribution parts including two overlapped plates that define refrigerant paths inside, said plurality of refrigerant distribution parts are alternatively layered with a refrigerant fin, openings that open into said refrigerant paths are formed respectively in each of said two plates, and continuous refrigerant circulation spaces are formed by abutting the openings of adjacent refrigerant distribution parts, wherein: